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**MISSION STATEMENT:** *The Canton Professional Educators' Association initiates and supports positive changes in the public school system, promotes the educational profession, and actively serves as an advocate for its members.*

## Welcome Back, Amazing Educators!

As we step into a brand new school year, I want to take a moment to say *welcome back*—and thank you.

Thank you for your heart, your energy, your patience, and your commitment to shaping the future, one student at a time. This past year, we have faced many challenges in political leadership at the federal and state levels that have been a detriment to public education. The Department of Education has been dismantled, and at the state level our politicians advocate for a stadium over educating students. The Ohio Legislature has stripped many collective bargaining rights from our union family in higher education and failed to fully fund public schools. In spite of all the obstacles, we have faced these challenges with courage, adapted with creativity, and taught with compassion. We have proven once again, that teaching is not just a profession—it's a calling.

This year, we begin with fresh notebooks, new faces, and endless possibilities. Every classroom holds the potential for transformation. Every lesson you teach plants seeds of curiosity, confidence, and hope. Your words matter. Your presence matters. *You* matter.

Let this be the year we dream even bigger—for our students, for our school, and for ourselves. Let's create spaces where everyone feels seen, supported, and inspired to grow. Let's remember that progress isn't always measured in test scores—but in laughter, questions, resilience, and connection.

Together, we are more than colleagues—we are a community. And together, there's nothing we can't achieve.

Here's to a year of growth and making a difference—one day at a time.

**In Solidarity.**





## 2025-2026 CPEA OFFICERS

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## EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP VACANCIES

There is vacancies on the ELT at the Pre-K - 3 Grade Level and two Multi Level Resource Positions. The CPEA Constitution reads that the President may appoint a member to fill the vacancy for 30 days and then hold an election.

The responsibilities of an ELT position at the Pre-K - 3 Grade Level & the Multi-Level Resource Positions include:

1. Attend two meetings a month (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays).
2. Serve on a committee.

If anyone would like to run for these positions, please contact CPEA (330-455-2158) **by October 10, 2025** to declare your intentions. Voting will take place during the week of October 14, 2025.

### CPEA Office Hours

Monday – Friday 10am-4pm  
(School days)

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## **ELECTION TIME FOR OEA AND ECOEA RA DELEGATES**

Once again it is time to elect our delegates to the OEA (Ohio Education Association) and the ECOEA (East Central Ohio Education Association) Representative Assemblies (RA). CPEA is entitled to 14 OEA and ECOEA representatives this year. The responsibilities for the delegates are:

1. Attend the OEA Fall RA in Columbus on December 6, 2025.
2. Attend the ECOEA Spring RA on April 11, 2026.
3. Attend the OEA Spring RA in Columbus May 8 & 9, 2026.

**\*\*CPEA will pay for the delegate's room & will cover some of the costs for meals when you attend the Fall & Spring OEA Assemblies.\*\***

Any member interested in running for one of the OEA and ECOEA delegate positions must contact the CPEA Office at 330-455-2158. **The deadline for indicating your intent is Friday, September 26, 2025.** Delegate elections will be held the first week in October.

## **MONEY! MONEY!**

***DID YOU TAKE A COURSE  
BETWEEN September 2024 &  
August 2025?***

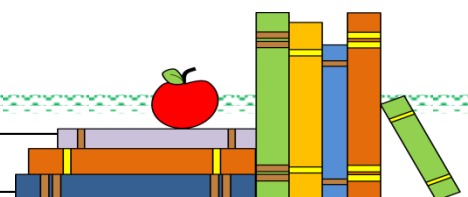
*If you answered **YES**, then submit  
an application for*

***TUITION REIMBURSEMENT***

***By Tuesday, September 30, 2025.***

*An application can be downloaded  
from our website at*

*[www.cpeaohio.com](http://www.cpeaohio.com), or call the  
CPEA Office @ 330-455-2158.*



Back To School

**2026 CPEA Memorial Scholarships are due April 10, 2026**

